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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A light emitting device comprising:  
a substrate;  
an EL element formed over the substrate;  
a barrier film covering the EL element;  
an absorption film formed on the barrier film; and  
a passivation film formed on the absorption film.
2. (previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the absorption film is a hygroscopic film.
3. (previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the absorption film comprises alkaline-earth metal.
4. (previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the absorption film has 1 to 3  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness.
5. (previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is one selected from the group consisting of a video camera, a digital camera, a goggle type display, a navigation system, an audio apparatus, a note type personal computer, a game apparatus, a portable apparatus, and an image play back device equipped with a recording medium.
6. (Previously presented) A light emitting device comprising: